

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

C.R.M-M No. 34482 of 2015

Date of Decision : 08.10.2015

Roopneet Kaur and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. M.K.Pundir, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms.Ashmia Mor, Standing Counsel for UT, Chandigarh.

1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. is for issuance of a direction to the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners and not to harass them at the instance of respondent Nos.4 to 9.

The petitioners have got married against the wishes of their parents. They are stated to be major. In support of her proof of age petitioner No.1 has placed on record an extract of her birth certificate (Annexure P-1) wherein her date of birth is mentioned as 30.08.1996 and petitioner No.2 has also placed on record an extract of his birth Certificate (Annexure P-2) depicting his date of birth as 09.12.89. They have also moved a representation before the Senior Superintendent of Police, Bathinda (Annexure P-5) for protection of their life and liberty.

The mother of the girl and father of the boy have appeared through Sh.Rajesh Dhiman, Advocate and have brought to my notice that the boy and the girl belong to the same village, live in adjoining houses and share a common ancestry and this marriage is completely against the social mores of this part of the country. The mother of the girl and father of the boy prayed that they want to meet their children. They both were allowed to meet their wards in my chamber.

Be that as it may once it is accepted that they are adults the limited prayer made by them cannot be denied. The girl has stated that she has grave apprehensions from her parents.

In the circumstances they are directed to be taken to Protection Home, UT, Chandigarh for such time not exceeding one week as they may feel is required to give them a sense of security.

Without adverting to the merits of the controversy, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2, Senior Superintendent of Police, Bathinda to take appropriate action on the representation (Annexure P-5) moved by the petitioners.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending Criminal Misc. Application, if any, also stands disposed of.

A copy of this order be handed over *dasi* to the learned counsel under the signatures of the Bench Secretary.

October 08, 2015
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE